

C.A.K.E. Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment

(DAVID) MR.KELLER: Good afternoon children, this is your teacher Mr. Keller. Before you begin your Christmas break, I wanted to wish you all a safe and very merry Christmas. I hope you get to spend lots of time with your family and your friends. And while I know you are looking forward to the presents under the tree, I want to remind you of the greatest gift of all. That gift is Jesus. I want you to think about others that are less fortunate than you and I, and how you can help them. Before you leave school today, I want to give you a challenge: Christmas Acts of Kindness. I have assigned a special mission to each of you that you can work on with your classmates and your parents. While you read over this mission, I want you to pray and ask God the following: What can I do to show your love this Christmas? How can I get out into my community to spread your joy? How can I show the reason for the season? Now, I cannot wait to see what you will accomplish this Christmas season.

Song – Here Comes Christmas

Scene 1

(NOAH) TIMMY – I can't believe it! Mr. Keller gave us an assignment over the break.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – What was he thinking?

(ISMERAI) ANNA - It's Christmas break!

(HANNAH) ALLY – I know! I don't want to think about school during the break!

(AMELIA) SARAH – Well, I think it's kinda cool!

(BLAKE) BILLY – You think homework is cool?

(AMELIA) SARAH – Have you guys actually even read the assignment?

(CHLOE) MACY – No. What does it say?

(AMELIA) SARAH – Christmas Group Project: CAKE

(COOPER) TUCKER – CAKE?

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – Ooooh... maybe this IS good!

(AMELIA) SARAH – Listen! CAKE – Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment. As a group, read Luke 2 and then reflect on your assigned “character”. Brainstorm ideas of how you and your group can display an act of “Christmas kindness” that reflects your character. Be prepared to report how your CAKE affects those around you.

(COOPER) TUCKER – Ah – cake.

(HANNAH) ALLY – (*laughing*) Oh Tucker... not THAT kind of cake!

(NOAH) TIMMY – Ok – so which character do I have?

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – Let's see... Timmy has the innkeeper, Anna has the shepherds, Ally has the angels, Sarah has Wise Men, Macy has Mary, Billy has Joseph, Gracie... me... I have God, and Tucker ... hmmm. Tucker it says "you".

(NOAH) TIMMY – That's weird. But before we do anything else, let's read Luke 2 like Mr. Keller said.

LUKE 2 SPEAKER VERSES HERE

HOLDYN - And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

SAMI - And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

AMELIA A. - And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

ELIJAH - To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

ABBY - And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

AVERY - And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

CORA - And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

SELAH - And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

JONATHAN - And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

GAMA - For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

PIPER - And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

RILEY - And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

VIVYEN - Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

BRYNLEE - And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

JONATHAN - And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

BRYNLEE - And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

HOLDYN - And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

SAMI - But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

EVERY - And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

(BLAKE) BILLY – I love the Christmas story!

(HANNAH) ALLY – Me too! And this assignment makes me look at it a little differently.

(COOPER) TUCKER – Yes – CAKE!

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – No, Tucker! All the characters. How do we show kindness like they did?

(NOAH) TIMMY – The innkeeper... I already have an idea! I've got to talk to my dad first but can you guys meet me back here? (*excitedly starts heading offstage*).

(AMELIA) SARAH – Ok! Sure.

(CHLOE) MACY – I'm kinda excited.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – This assignment might actually be fun!

(COOPER) TUCKER – CAKE!

Song – What a Glorious Night

Scene 2

(HANNAH) ALLY – Hey Timmy! I brought the socks. My mom said you called and asked for them.

(CHLOE) MACY – I have some blankets!

(ISMERAI) ANNA – I have some soaps!

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – Yeah – I've got the hats you asked for.

(BLAKE) BILLY – I have the gloves.

(AMELIA) SARAH – And I have the coats!

(COOPER) TUCKER – Snacks! I've got the snacks!

(NOAH) TIMMY – Everything can go in this box! Thanks guys!

(AMELIA) SARAH – What IS all this?

(HANNAH) ALLY – Yeah! What are we doing?

(NOAH) TIMMY – Well, my character is the innkeeper. So this is my act of kindness.

(COOPER) TUCKER – Your CAKE!

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – What? I don't get it.

(AMELIA) SARAH – This isn't an inn. And why all these things?

(CHLOE) MACY – Yeah. These aren't items for an inn.

(HANNAH) ALLY – We don't have an inn! We don't even own a house!

(NOAH) TIMMY – Right. Of course. But when you think about the innkeeper, he didn't have any rooms to give either. But he DID give Mary and Joseph a way to stay warm and keep dry.

(AMELIA) SARAH – But we all have homes to help us stay warm and dry.

(NOAH) TIMMY – Exactly! We do! BUT there are people in our city that do not have homes. In fact, you might see people without homes in places you don't even expect!

(HANNAH) ALLY – How can WE help?

(NOAH) TIMMY – (*pointing to the box*) Like this! My dad helped me find a place in our city called a shelter. IT helps families without homes. They can come there and get warm clothes and food and even sleep there!

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – That’s really nice! So there’s a place they can stay warm and dry.

(BLAKE) BILLY – Are we going?

(NOAH) TIMMY – YES! My dad is going to take us over there. We can give them this box of items to give out to help people stay warm!

(HANNAH) ALLY – What a great idea, Timmy! This is definitely a Christmas Act of Kindness!

(COOPER) TUCKER – Come on... Let’s go... CAKE!

Song – God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Scene 3

(BLAKE) BILLY – That was really cool.

(NOAH) TIMMY – I know. It was so interesting to see how many needs there are right in this city!

(AMELIA) SARAH – Yes. I am so glad you thought of that as your act, Timmy.

(NOAH) TIMMY – I love knowing that there are things I can do to help others all the time.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – I definitely think that part of the experiment was a success!

(COOPER) TUCKER – CAKE!

(AMELIA) SARAH – TUCKER! Is that all you can say?

(NOAH) TIMMY – So who wants to go next?

(ISMERAI) ANNA – I will. I have the shepherds.

(BLAKE) BILLY – Have you thought about what your act of kindness will be?

(ISMERAI) ANNA – Yeah. In the Christmas story, before the angels visited them, the Shepherds were out in the fields taking care of the sheep because that was their job. I got to thinking about some people in our community that take care of us.

(CHLOE) MACY – You mean our parents?

(ISMERAI) ANNA – Well, our parents take care of us too. But when we are sick we have to go to...

(NOAH) TIMMY – (*interrupting*) the doctor!

(ISMERAI) ANNA – Right! Doctors and nurses have a very important job of taking care of us, just like the shepherds had an important job of taking care of the sheep.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – Doctors and nurses also need a lot of prayers and guidance from God.

(HANNAH) ALLY – Yeah! At my church, when people are sick other people in our church will pray for the doctors and nurses to have wisdom to know how best to treat the patient.

(ISMERAI) ANNA – Exactly! So my Christmas Act of Kindness is to make Christmas cards and cookies and take them to the doctors and nurses at the hospital.

(COOPER) TUCKER – CAKE!

(AMELIA) SARAH – I love that idea! Let's go!

Song – Jingle Bells (Jesus Version) (1st Graders)

Song – Behold Him

Scene 4

(CHLOE) MACY – Anna, that was such a great act of kindness. They were all so appreciative for the Christmas cards and cookies.

(HANNAH) ALLY – I want to go next! I have the angels!

(AMELIA) SARAH – Have you thought about what to do?

(HANNAH) ALLY – When we were reading Luke 2, it said that the angels sang for the shepherds to tell them about Jesus.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – Of course you would have an assignment about singing! You LOVE to sing!

(HANNAH) ALLY – Well, I had an idea. When I was visiting my grandmother at the retirement home last week, she was telling me about one of her friends. Her friend isn't able to drive and get out much anymore so she tends to miss out on a lot of things.

(NOAH) TIMMY – So we are going to visit her?

(HANNAH) ALLY – Actually, I thought we could go bigger than that – we could visit several people that aren't able to get out to enjoy Christmas like they used to.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – But what does that have to do with singing?

(HANNAH) ALLY – We can go caroling!

(AMELIA) SARAH – OH! I get it! Ok, cool!

(HANNAH) ALLY – My mom said she will take us and we can sing and visit with everyone. Hopefully we can provide joy and show them kindness and love so they don't feel so lonely!

(NOAH) TIMMY – Great idea, ALLY!

(BLAKE) BILLY – We are going to need to make a list of songs!

(CHLOE) MACY – Let's go!

Song – Go Tell It On The Mountain

Scene 5

(HANNAH) ALLY – We sang some of my favorite carols!

(CHLOE) MACY – I know! Mine too.

(NOAH) TIMMY – I think my favorite part was seeing some of the faces of the people while we were singing.

(AMELIA) SARAH – And they gave us such great hugs!

(BLAKE) BILLY – It seemed like that might be their favorite part of Christmas this year.

(HANNAH) ALLY – Actually, it might be one of my favorites too! That act of kindness was definitely one I want to do again!

(COOPER) TUCKER – Yep, CAKE!

(NOAH) TIMMY – Again, man?

Tucker shrugs.

(AMELIA) SARAH – Ok, so its my turn. I've been thinking about this one a lot.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – Oh good! You have the wise men, right?

(BLAKE) BILLY – You got an easy one!

(AMELIA) SARAH – I did? How is that easy?

(HANNAH) ALLY – Well, they gave gifts! And we all give gifts at Christmas.

(NOAH) TIMMY – Yep. Done. That was easy. Next?

(AMELIA) SARAH – Woah – wait a minute. I actually don't think it's that easy. Yes we all give gifts. And sure, that is kind. But I don't think that's all there is to this experiment.

(COOPER) TUCKER – See? CAKE!

(CHLOE) MACY – How can there be more than just giving a gift?

(AMELIA) SARAH – Well, normally, I just give gifts to my family and friends and teachers. Don't you?

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – True. That's my normal list.

(AMELIA) SARAH – But what if we gave gifts to someone we don't know?

(NOAH) TIMMY – Someone we don't know? Why would we do that?

(COOPER) TUCKER – Uhh. CAKE.

(AMELIA) SARAH – Right, Tucker. An act of kindness. The wise men didn't know Jesus. They knew ABOUT Him. But they hadn't met Him or His mom or dad. They were strangers.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – But they still gave Him gifts.

(AMELIA) SARAH – And not just any gifts. They gave really GOOD and meaningful gifts of things His family would need.

(BLAKE) BILLY – So what does that mean for us?

(AMELIA) SARAH – My church actually has a project they do for children in need. They have these boxes that you can purchase gifts for a child to fit inside. These children would not normally be able to have gifts for Christmas. We could pick some kids to purchase items to fill a box for.

(CHLOE) MACY – Really? How would we know what to get?

(AMELIA) SARAH – They have a list of the things the child needs and wants. They even have clothing sizes and the types of the toys the kids like.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – Wow. I can't imagine not having gifts for Christmas.

(BLAKE) BILLY – Me either, Gracie.

(HANNAH) ALLY – We could get things they need for school! And new clothes! Oh, this is exciting!

(NOAH) TIMMY – I have some money from mowing yards that I could use to buy the gifts.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – Do we have the list for the kids?

(AMELIA) SARAH – My mom has it. She said she would take us.

(HANNAH) ALLY – What are we waiting for? This actually may be my favorite part of the experiment now!

(COOPER) TUCKER – Yes... CAKE!

Song – Waiting Here for You

Scene 6

(HANNAH) ALLY – That was so much fun!

(NOAH) TIMMY – I wish that I could see their faces as they open the gifts that we bought them.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – Yeah! But I know that they will be so excited to have a gift of their own on Christmas.

(CHLOE) MACY – My turn... I had Mary.

(AMELIA) SARAH – What is your idea?

(CHLOE) MACY – Thinking about the Christmas story, for Mary, things were not going the way that she planned.

(ISMERAI) ANNA – For sure! She was pregnant and she was having to travel to pay taxes!

(BLAKE) BILLY – Yeah! I don't really know what taxes are, but I know my parents don't like them either!

(CHLOE) MACY – Then once Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem there was no place for them to stay. Luckily the innkeeper allowed them to stay in the barn, but I know that was not the way that Mary planned it to be.

(HANNAH) ALLY – And while they were in the barn she gave birth to baby Jesus.

(CHLOE) MACY – Right! While that was not the way Mary had planned it, it was a part of God's plan. Even though it did not seem like it at the time.

(NOAH) TIMMY – That must have been hard for Mary, to trust God's plan even during the hard times when things aren't easy.

(CHLOE) MACY – Exactly! And that's how I got to thinking about the people in our community that help us during the hard times. So, my act of kindness is to take treats to our local fire department.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – That is a great idea!

(ISMERAI) ANNA – No one ever plans to have a fire, but the firefighters are there to help in a time of need.

(CHLOE) MACY – Right! And even when things are not going like you expect them to, it is important to trust that God's plan is perfect even though it may not seem like it at the time.

(HANNAH) ALLY – I like it! Let's go!

(COOPER) TUCKER – CAKE!

Song – Hope Was Born This Night

Scene 7

(NOAH) TIMMY – That was a good act of kindness! They were very thankful!

(BLAKE) BILLY – I guess I'm next... I have Joseph. When I think about the role that Joseph played in the Christmas story, I think about Joseph's unwavering faith. Joseph could have chosen to get rid of Mary, but Joseph followed the will of God.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – I can only imagine how many times he had to remind himself to follow God's plan because I am sure that it was not easy.

(BLAKE) BILLY – Joseph is a great example and teaches us about the importance of keeping the faith even during difficult times.

(HANNAH) ALLY - So what is your plan?

(BLAKE) BILLY – For my Act of Kindness, I want to show appreciation to the people in my life that help me to stay strong in my faith. I want to make a meal for the staff and leaders of my church to show my appreciation for all they do for us all year long!

(AMELIA) SARAH – That's a good plan!

(ISMERAI) ANNA – We can help too!

(BLAKE) BILLY – That's awesome! Thanks guys!

(COOPER) TUCKER – Can we get some CAKE?!

Song – How Many Kings

Scene 8

(NOAH) TIMMY – Wow. I don't think I will ever forget that experience.

(HANNAH) ALLY – They were so grateful.

(CHLOE) MACY – Hopefully we do it again sometime!

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – So I guess it's my turn. I had GOD.

(BLAKE) BILLY – Woah. That's huge.

(CHLOE) MACY – I mean – how are you going to capture THAT one?

(AMELIA) SARAH – Didn't He give us EVERYTHING?

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – Right? He did! So I had to really think about this. God's gift to us at Christmas is His greatest gift of Jesus.

(ISMERAI) ANNA – Again – how are you going to do THAT?

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – God’s gift reaches EVERYONE. So I started thinking about ways we could reach our whole community.

(AMELIA) SARAH – That’s a good idea. But that could take us forever.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – And Jesus is called the Light of the World.

(BLAKE) BILLY – Right.

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – So I thought about Christmas and lights and the whole community.

(HANNAH) ALLY – And?

(NOAH) TIMMY – Ah... the suspense?

(KENNEDY) GRACIE: We are going to light up the town!

(HANNAH) ALLY: You mean EVERYWHERE?

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – Well, you know how our town always has the big Christmas lights up that you can drive through and see?

(AMELIA) SARAH – Yeah! My family goes to see them every year!

(COOPER) TUCKER – My favorite part is getting the sucker at the end!

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – Yes! I thought that we could represent our church by volunteering at the Christmas Lights!

(ISMERAI) ANNA – That’s a great idea! We can bring lights to the whole city by pointing them to Jesus while we are there!

ALL: Yeah!

Song – Here Comes Heaven

Song – Light of the World

Scene 9

(AMELIA) SARAH – Ah. This looks beautiful!

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – We definitely brought light!

(NOAH) TIMMY – Tucker, you are the only one left, man!

(HANNAH) ALLY – Tucker? Hey! Where did he go?

(COOPER) TUCKER – (*brings in big cake*) I'm here... with CAKE!

(ISMERAI) ANNA – Of course!

(BLAKE) BILLY – I knew you would figure out a way to fit a real cake into this!

(CHLOE) MACY – Yeah, Tucker – this is awesome! Can we have some?

(COOPER) TUCKER – Of course! I brought it to share. Let us eat CAKE!

(HANNAH) ALLY – What about the experiment?

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – YES! What was your character, Tucker?

(COOPER) TUCKER – The assignment said YOU.

(NOAH) TIMMY – You? What does that mean?

(BLAKE) BILLY – You weren't part of the Christmas story.

(COOPER) TUCKER – You are correct. I wasn't there that first Christmas. But listening to all of you and doing all the acts of kindness reminded me that I really AM part of the story.

(ISMERAI) ANNA – I am not sure I understand.

(AMELIA) SARAH – So the act of kindness are more than just actions?

(COOPER) TUCKER – I think the experiment was to help us see that our actions tell a story. A story of the greatest gift of love.

(NOAH) TIMMY – You mean like the story of the innkeeper and the shepherds and the wise men?

(COOPER) TUCKER – Yes! Those are the examples for us to follow. And the ultimate example is in God's gift to us, Jesus!

(HANNAH) ALLY – Are you saying you are part of God's story by giving to the homeless shelter and Christmas caroling?

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – And you make a difference by helping families that don't have gifts?

(CHLOE) MACY – Or by pointing others to Jesus?

(COOPER) TUCKER – Exactly. These acts of kindness are how we show God’s love to the world around us. These actions are the proof of His love for us!

(KENNEDY) GRACIE – God loves us so much He sent Jesus. We can show that same love through our actions!

(NOAH) TIMMY – So Christmas isn’t the only time for acts of kindness.

(ISMERAI) ANNA – It should be an every day kind of CAKE!

(COOPER) TUCKER – As I’ve said before...

ALL – We know ... CAKE!!!!

Song – Proof of Your Love

Scene 10

CAM - In just a couple of days this is what we are going to do inside of our homes. We are going to sit in the living room or some other place inside the house maybe around a Christmas tree and we are going to give gifts and receive gifts because that is what we do at Christmas.

BENTLEY - That first Christmas, that is exactly what God did for all of us. He made a way for all of mankind.

MIRACLE - Luke Chapter 2 says, “ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to **all** people.”

KADEN - The gift that God gave us is His son Jesus Christ. It is a gift for ALL people, every man, woman and child.

PIPER - Luke 2 says “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”

CAM - God made a way for His son Jesus Christ, who came and was born in a manger but lived to become our living sacrifice.

BENTLEY - 2 Corinthians 5:21 says "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

MIRACLE - Romans 5:8 says "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

KADEN - That very first Christmas God gave us a gift. A gift just like this. (*point to a present*) When he sent Jesus and He died in our place. God gave His Son Jesus Christ for every man, woman and child. Jesus made a way. Have you received that gift?

CAM - Just like on Christmas morning, we are going to pass out gifts, and we are going to receive them. It becomes yours when you open it and take for yourself. Have you received the gift that God gave you, His son Jesus Christ?

Song – He Shall Reign Forevermore